

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of

Federal-State Joint Board on
Universal Service

Forward-Looking Mechanism
For High Cost Support for
Non-Rural LECs

CC Docket No. 96-45

CC Docket No. 97-160

**ADDITIONAL REQUEST TO WITHDRAW
PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION**

On July 19, 2001, Verizon¹ requested permission to withdraw the December 18, 1998 petition for reconsideration of the Commission's Fifth Report and Order² filed by the former Bell Atlantic companies, and the June 3, 2000 petition for reconsideration of the Tenth Report and Order³ filed by the former GTE Service Corporation and its affiliated domestic telephone operating companies. The GTE Service Corporation also filed a petition for reconsideration of the Fifth Report and Order on December 18, 1998. For the reasons set forth in Verizon's July 19 filing, Verizon hereby requests that the Commission add this petition to the withdrawal request.

¹ The Verizon telephone companies ("Verizon") are the affiliated local telephone companies of Verizon Communications Corp. These companies are listed in Attachment A.

² *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Fifth Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 21323 (1998) ("Fifth Report and Order").

³ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Tenth Report and Order, 14 FCC Rcd 20156 (1999) ("Tenth Report and Order").

Respectfully submitted,

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THE VERIZON TELEPHONE COMPANIES

The Verizon telephone companies are the local exchange carriers affiliated with Verizon Communications Inc. These are:

Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Mid-States
GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest
GTE Southwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Southwest
The Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation
Verizon California Inc.
Verizon Delaware Inc.
Verizon Florida Inc.
Verizon Hawaii Inc.
Verizon Maryland Inc.
Verizon New England Inc.
Verizon New Jersey Inc.
Verizon New York Inc.
Verizon North Inc.
Verizon Northwest Inc.
Verizon Pennsylvania Inc.
Verizon South Inc.
Verizon Virginia Inc.
Verizon Washington, DC Inc.
Verizon West Coast Inc.
Verizon West Virginia Inc.